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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Jonathan N. Wike, Hearing Officer
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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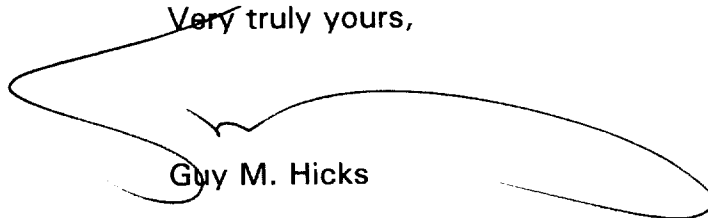
Re: *Petition of TCG MidSouth and Teleport Communications Group for
Declaratory Relief for Breach of Interconnection Agreement by
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*
Docket No. 01-00701

Dear Mr. Wike:

This is to notify you as to the status of the parties' settlement discussions. The parties are in the process of exchanging edits to the settlement documents. However, the parties do not expect to have a signed agreement by close of business today. BellSouth will notify you promptly upon execution of the settlement documents.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

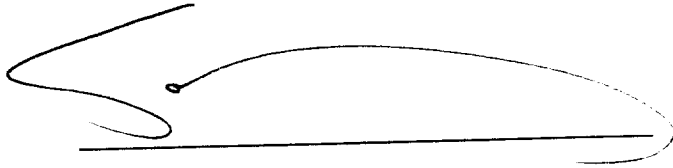
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 28, 2001, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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